(v) Roads meeting very important strategic requirements.

(vi) Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby.

(vii) Roads which help opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions.

(viii) National Highway grid of 100 Km. is achieved.

(ix) The road must be upto the standard laid down for State Highways—both in its technical requirements as well as the land requirements.

(x) The road and right of way must be free of any type of encroachment and should be the property of the State.

(xi) The right of way required for the National Highway (preferably 45 m, minimum 30 m) must be available for acquiring, free of encroachment and the State Government would complete acquiring formalities within six months.

NB: The declaration of National Highways is considered based on the requirements of the country as a whole and not particularly with respect to any local requirements.

Investment in Road Sector

2997. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the study conducted by the CII stating that Indian road sector requires a minimum three billion dollar investment every year;

(b) if so, Government's comments thereto; and

(c) in what manner this challenge is likely to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir. We do not know if CII has conducted any separate study on the Road Sector.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Funds for Construction and Repair of NH in Bihar

†2998. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to the tune of Rs. 819.07 crores received from Bihar is under Government's consideration for construction and repair of National Highways; and

(b) if so, by when the approval would be granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Hit and Run Accidents

2999. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) it is a fact that only one in every 5000 persons is booked for committing a hit and run accidents in Delhi; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to control the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir. As per information available 2069 simple and 719 fatal hit and run cases were reported in Delhi during the year 2000 and out of which 570 simple and 148 fatal cases respectively were worked out.

(b) Steps taken in this regard are:

(i) Effective traffic regulation and control.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.